



## Fact Sheet

## Goose Hill Residential Cleanup Site

East St. Louis, IL

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### METRO-EAST LEAD COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP



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On February 11, EPA began removing lead from yards in the Goose Hill residential area of East St. Louis, IL.

The area comprises three blocks of residential property between Bowman Avenue to the northwest, State Highway 3 to the southwest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the northeast, and the railroad tracks to the southeast. About 15 residences are in the study area, and four schools and one hospital are within one mile of the site. The area is part of a lead clean-up throughout East St. Louis being carried out by EPA in cooperation with the Metro-East Lead Collaborative Partnership.

Lead was found widespread throughout the residential areas with much of the area above 1,000 parts per million. There is actual or potential exposure to the people, especially children, who live there. Elevated lead levels in soil largely at or near the surface may migrate or pose a threat to those who come in contact with it. There also is potential danger of elevated levels of lead from eating food from gardens in the area.

In the first week of activity, 700 tons of low-level lead-contaminated soil was hauled from the site and residential properties, which was replaced with 400 tons of clean backfill with more clean fill to be brought in. The contaminated soil will be disposed of in an approved landfill.

EPA must have signed access agreements from property owners before it can clean up a property. The Agency is still trying to get access agreements from several owners.



Preparing to haul soil